

REMARKS

Claims 1, 3-7, 9-17, 19-23, 25-33, 35-38, 40-47, 49-56, and 58-61 are pending in the subject application. Claims 1, 3-7, 9-17, 19-23, 25-33, 35-38, 40-47, 49-56, and 58-60 have been allowed. Claim 61 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) and has been canceled without prejudice. Accordingly, the application has been placed in condition for allowance.

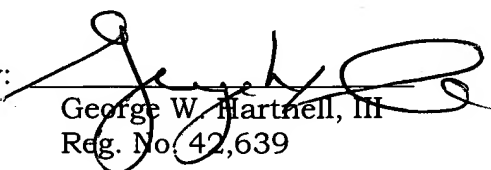
The Applicants bring to the Examiner's attention the fact that claims 25-32 do not appear as having been allowed on the Office Action Summary mailed September 4, 2003 (Paper No 10); however, on pages 4 through 6 of the Detailed Action, the Examiner provides his reasons for allowing the claims. Accordingly, the Applicants believe that what appears on the Office Action Summary is merely a typographical error and that claims 25-32 are also allowed. The Applicants, therefore, respectfully request that the Notice of Allowance and Notice of Allowability include claims 25-32.

The Applicants believe that no additional fee is required for consideration of the within Response. However, if for any reason the fee paid is inadequate or credit is owed for any excess fee paid, you are hereby authorized and requested to charge Deposit Account No. **04-1105**.

Respectfully submitted,

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